

# **ISAC Meeting – May 2012**

## **ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM**

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**TOPIC:** Highway Corridors as Vectors in the Pacific Northwest

**SPEAKER (Name/Email):** Ray Willard, WillarR@wsdot.wa.gov

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:**

Ray Willard is a vegetation management leader among State Departments of Transportation. He actually led the charge to set up Washington's Invasive Species Council through the legislature. That alone makes him unique in his work with terrestrial and aquatic invasives found in transportation corridors. This region's DOTs share across borders.

He would be able to explain WSDOT's planning process, use of GIS in prevention, control and monitoring to make informed decisions the following year "on the road". He brings both State experience and a national view of corridors as vectors (experience on the NAS' Transportation Research Board and more). He knows highway rights-of-way are vectors and does something about it!

### **2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?**

Highway corridors cross through and/or connect all private/public sector lands in the United States. What a highway department like Washington State does, impacts all adjacent lands and beyond. Working with State agencies like his as an example, can have far-ranging results.

His work is an on-the-ground example of all the National Invasive Species Management Plan's goals.

### **3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:**

Sorry, I am new and do not know.

### **4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:**

### **5. ALTERNATIVES:**

### **6. ATTACHMENTS:**